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SUBJECT: KHMER AMBASSADOR CALL ON FONMIN

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1. KHMER AMBASSADOR POC THIEUN TOLD US HE CALLED ON FONMIN KIM APRIL 18 TO DISCUSS IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF KHMER EMBASSY IN SEOUL.
2. POC TOLD FONMIN THAT HE WISHED TO REMAIN IN SEOUL UNTIL HIS DAUGHTERS FINISH SCHOOL IN JUNE. KIM SAW NO PROBLEM WITH THIS PLAN. HE SAID THAT POC WOULD ENJOY FULL DIPLOMATIC STATUS DURING THAT PERIOD.
3. FONMIN ALSO AGREED TO POC'S PLAN TO KEEP EMBASSY OPEN UNTIL END OF APRIL, DURING GRADUAL PHASE-OUT OF OPERATIONS. POC REQUESTED THAT NO DATE BE SET FOR OFFICIAL CLOSING, TO WHICH FONMIN READILY AGREED.
4. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST BY POC, KIM AGREED TO REQUEST FAREWELL CALLS ON PRESIDENT PARK AND PRIMIN KIM. KIM INDICATED CALLS WOULD BE ARRANGED IN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE ALSO TOLD POC THAT HE HIMSELF REMAINS AVAILABLE TO SEE POC AT ANY TIME, DAY OR NIGHT.
5. AMBASSADOR POC COMMENTED TO US THAT HE FINDS ROKG ATTITUDE VERY REASSURING IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME OF

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TRANSITION.

6. AMBASSADOR POC HAS ALSO GIVEN US FORMAL REQUEST
FOR ASYLUM IN US, COMMENDING IN FIRST WEEK OF
JUNE, WITH STOPOVER IN HONOLULU FOR CONSULTATIOS WITH
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